

**TITLE 19—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR
SERVICES**

**Division 30—Division of Regulation and Licensure
Chapter 40—Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services
Systems Regulations**

IN ADDITION

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF RULE

19 CSR 30-40.420 Trauma Center Designation Requirements

ACTION TAKEN: NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF 19 CSR 30-40.420(2)(G)

19 CSR 30-40.420(2)(G) is hereby suspended. This waiver suspends Department designation reviews required for trauma, stroke, and STEMI designated hospitals and allows applications to be sent in after the required time period in order to free up hospital resources to respond to COVID-19. Trauma, stroke, and STEMI reviews conducted on state designated hospitals take approximately 1-2 days for each review depending on the level of the center. These reviews require a lot of time for hospital staff to prepare for the review and to be available during the review. Further, the Department uses qualified contractors (physicians and nurses) from Missouri and other states to conduct these designation reviews. This waiver allows hospitals applying to the Department for renewal designation to continue to be designated until the Department can review these hospitals.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 20-04 dated March 18, 2020, the rule is suspended effective April 2, 2020 until May 15, 2020.

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